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SPECIAL ISSUE: A SUPER-HERO CHRISTMAS!

Experience a 30th Century Christmas.

The Virgin Mary and Sgt. Rock!

Jonah Hex and Christmas Past!

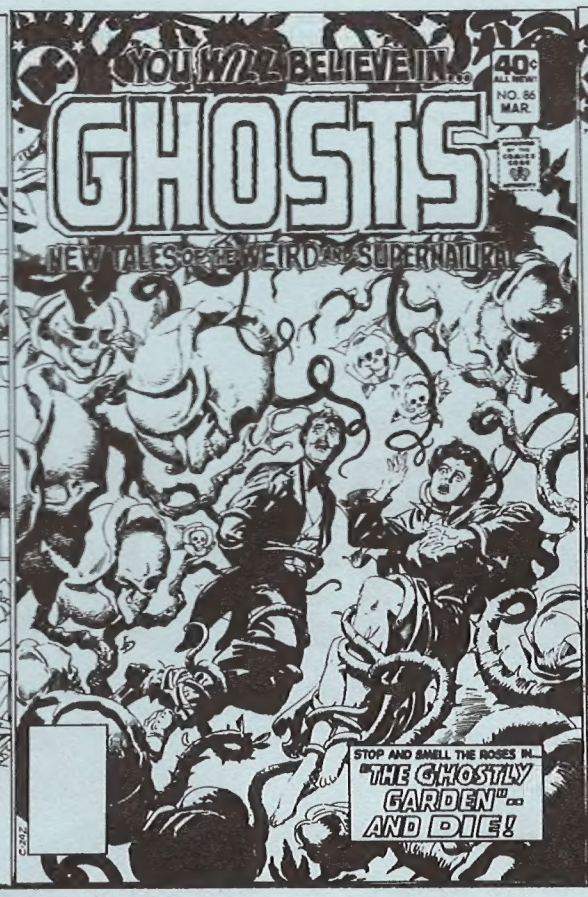
A Santa wanted: Dead or Alive!

Christmas is always a very special time, and this year, new DC editor Len Wein joins with the DC super-heroes to give us a very special Christmas present. It is a gift of Super-Heroes--The Batman, Sgt. Rock, Jonah Hex, and the Legion of Super-Heroes. Plus, for a little added note of uplift, the series hosts of our Mystery Books get together to vie for the best story ever told.

It's a dazzling display of talent together in one book.

Denny O'Neil scripts a Christmas tale that will surely pull at your heart strings. The sentiments of the tale are illustrated to the full by the moody pencils of Frank Miller, making a rare appearance in the pages of DC. Inker Steve Mitchell completes the team.

Sgt. Rock lives in a world of death and gunfire, and a man's sense of sentimentality is often lost in such an environment. But, even this warrior knows a miracle when he sees one--and he does see one--in a story written by Robert Kanigher. And, what is such a story without the marvelous art team of Dick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GHOSTS
NEW TALES OF THE WEIRD AND SUPERNATURAL
STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES IN...
"THE GHOSTLY GARDEN"... AND DIE!

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Ayers and Romeo Tanghal to make it all just right?

The Old West, too,was a harsh place which bred harsh men. Jonah Hex is one such man. Michael Fleisher weaves a tale of memories as Jonah Hex hunts a slightly different bounty this time. Dick Ayers and Romeo Tanghal again team to illustrate.

In the 30th Century, there are as many ways to celebrate Christmas as there are planets in the galaxy. And every member of the Legion of Super-Heroes joins in the celebration of this holiday. But, Superboy is not quite satisfied. He finds himself compelled to follow a star-- the brightest in the heavens. Paul Levitz and Garcia Lopez present us with a wonderful Christmas adventure.

'Tis the season to be jolly, and the comic relief brought by Bob Rozakis in "The House of Mystery" fits the bill to perfection. Cain, Abel, the Witching Hour trio, and the mysterious Destiny gather to give us their tales of Christmas--often chillier than the weather outside this time of year! Romeo Tanghal and Dan Adkins do the artistic honors.

The Christmas Super-Hero Special--the one and only of its kind--goes on sale December 6th. And, Merry Christmas!!

SUPERMAN FAMILY CELEBRATES ISSUE 200!

In a landmark issue, Editor Julius Schwartz has done something just a little different.

Extrapolating into the days of the late 1990's, we are asked to "Just Imagine" the Superman Family as they may well be in the not-too-distant future. Clark Kent and Lois Lane are married and have a teen-age daughter. Jimmy Olsen has wed Lucy Lane. Supergirl is now Superwoman and the governor of Florida.

This issue celebrates not only its own anniversary, but the tale told herein celebrates the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Kent. All their friends have special gifts to present the Kents, and each regular feature is the story of how they go about it. And, of course, their adventures along the way!

Gerry Conway has managed to interrelate each feature smoothly in Superman Family #200--a full-length, 51 page novel. It's something new this time around, and a collector's item to be sure!!

The cover, too, is unique. Julius Schwartz challenges you to identify as many of the Superman Family members as you possibly can in the extravaganza drawn by Dick Giordano. Don't miss this! Superman Family #200 goes on sale December 6th. What a great way to celebrate the Christmas season!

THE FLASH WRAPS UP A CASE OF MURDER!

The Flash--disintegrated into atoms on page one? Returning from the distant future in pursuit of the answer to who killed his wife, the Scarlet Speedster sets off his booby-trapped Cosmic Treadmill and blows himself to smithereens.

Professor Zoom gloats at his final victory over his arch-foe, and takes time out to sit back and review the murder of Iris West Allen in a "Flashback." At last, we find out who the killer is, and why. A real surprise all 'round!

Cary Bates completes this ongoing mystery in Flash #283. The art is by Don Heck and Frank Chiaramonte, and the magazine goes on sale December 6th.

UNEXPECTED GOES MONTHLY WITH ISSUE #196!

For all you fans of fear, you may now look forward to chilling your bones on a monthly basis now that THE UNEXPECTED begins its 40¢ monthly format with issue #196.

There are some real shockers this time. Carl Wessler tells us just why we have "The Fear of Number 13", drawn by Abe Ocampo. Then, we hear the warning: "Stranger, Beware!" Bill Dennehy and Jerry Grandenetti present a tale of highway horror. Mike W. Barr provides us with the cover story this issue. The world is nearly decimated by an unstoppable plague, and no man-made cure can be found. That's why we must have "The Devil to Pay". Art by Vicitan Jr. George Kashdan warns "Never Trust a Devil Doll!" And with good reason! Drawn by Ernesto Patricio. The Unexpected #196 goes on sale December 27th.

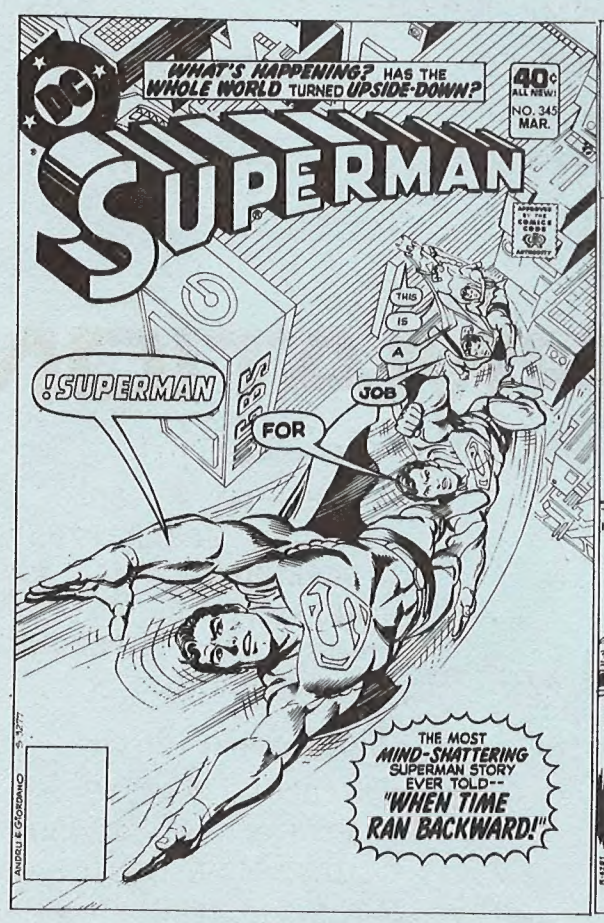
ODD ITEMS, NOTEWORTHY NEWS

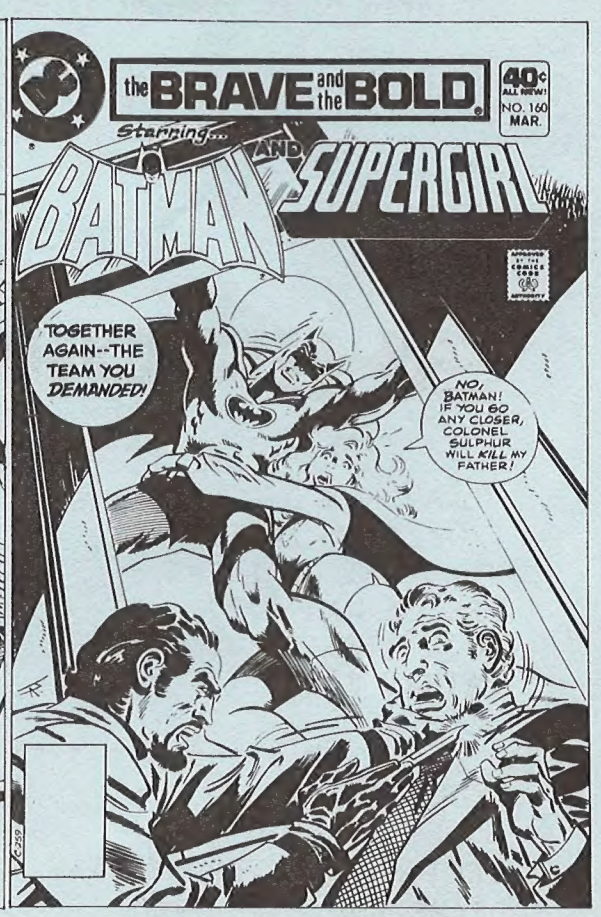
GREEN LANTERN #126 continues the "Power War" series with Denny O'Neil scripting a tale illustrated by Joe Staton and Frank McLaughlin. Thrill to the return of an old Green Lantern foe, The Shark, as he teams up with the Weaponers of Qward to create a "Peril Pact". Look for the Giordano cover.

THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES find themselves in a "Space Circus of Death" in issue #261. It is vital they discover who is murdering the circus' star performers, or the Earth will become embroiled in another interplanetary war. Who is doing it--why? Writer Gerry Conway will tell you, and artists Ric Estrada and John Calnan will show you.

It begins with Superman stopping a flaming, falling satellite--and ends the same way. In between, the Man of Steel is caught up in the flow of "When Time Ran Backward", and it is a pursuit through the past to find out how and why the Earth is running in reverse! The story is by Conway, and the art is Curt Swan's and Frank Chiaramonte's. The comic is SUPERMAN #345. The cover is by Ross Andru and Dick Giordano.

A special treat in issue #321 of BATMAN. Walt Simonson graces the pages with his fantastic pencil work to illustrate a chilling story by




the BRAVE and the BOLD
40¢ ALL NEW! NO. 160 MAR.
Starring... BATMAN AND SUPERGIRL
TOGETHER AGAIN--THE TEAM YOU DEMANDED!
NO, BATMAN! IF YOU GO ANY CLOSER, COLONEL SULPHUR WILL KILL MY FATHER!

Len Wein. The Batman, Robin, and Commissioner Gordon are among the guests "invited" to The Joker's birthday party. The Clown Prince of Crime is the only one having a good time, but his adversaries nonetheless all wish him a "Dreadful Birthday, Dear Joker!" Inks by Giordano.

There are "Wings over Shamballah" in issue #31 of the WARLORD. At last within sight of home and his wife after a long trek, Travis Morgan must battle beasts of the natural and super-natural. Continuing in the tradition of fantastic sword and sorcery, this adventure is written and drawn by Mike Grell, and inked by Vince Colletta. The cover is pure Grell.

Superman and Batgirl join forces to discover "Who Haunts This House?" in DC COMICS PRESENTS #19. "From nowhere it came--a rambling old Victorian mansion that reeked of dark and desperate secrets. Yet, not even Superman and Batgirl could begin to guess exactly how dark!" Let master of mystery Denny O'Neil take you on an adventure into a haunted world, drawn by Joe Staton and Frank Chiaramonte. Look for the cover by Andru and Giordano.

What is the nature of the strange hairy creature that follows Superman to Earth from space? What is its power to irresistibly draw children to it like an alien "Pied Piper?" Why does it do it, and how come Superman is helpless to halt it? Let Cary Bates astound you with the tale of "The Creature That Charmed Children" in ACTION #505. The art is by Curt Swan and Chiaramonte.

Have you ever wished you could go back and live a portion of your life over again? Meet a fellow who does, and gives the Boy of Steel some real competition as "The New Superstar of Smallville." Cary Bates, Kurt Schaffenberger, and Dave Hunt bring you an adventure of the ultimate in wish fulfillment in SUPERBOY #3.

A dying man gasps his last in The Batman's arms, rasping against death to say that he is part of "The Brimstone Connection!" Thus is the Dark Knight thrust into a mystery that it takes the Maid of Might, Supergirl, to help solve. And, what has her adopted father, Fred Danvers to do with it all? It is a tale of intrigue and danger by Cary Burkett and Jim Aparo in BRAVE AND BOLD #160!

Gravedigger must earn his nickname as he leads Easy Co. through a blazing series of Nazi machine gun nests to take a vital hill on the special command of President Roosevelt. But, the top-secret orders that Gravedigger carries with him demand: SHOOT ROCK! What is Easy to do? How can Gravedigger follow orders? Read about that memorable "Night on Nickname Hill" in MEN OF WAR #26, by Jack C. Harris, Dick Ayers, and Romeo Tanghal!

Issue #34 of JONAH HEX finds the bounty hunter spending "Christmas in an Outlaw Town." Michael Fleisher wrote this special holiday western. Follow Jonah as he goes gunning for Santa. Art by Dan Spiegle, cover by Luis Dominguez.

SHIPPING INFORMATION

Shipping the week of November 11th for release the week of December 6th:

JONAH HEX & OTHER WESTERN TALES #4
THE BEST OF DC #4
MEN OF WAR #26
DC COMICS PRESENTS #19
BATMAN #321
FLASH #283
JONAH HEX #34
JUSTICE LEAGUE #176
WEIRD WAR TALES #85
GHOSTS # 86
SECRETS OF HAUNTED HOUSE #22
SUPERMAN #345
WONDER WOMAN #265
SUPERMAN FAMILY #200
ALL-OUT WAR #4
CHRISTMAS SUPER-HERO SPECIAL

Shipping the week of November 27th for release the week of December 20th:

SGT. ROCK #338
SUPERBOY #3
LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES#261
BRAVE AND BOLD #160
WEIRD WESTERN TALES #65
HOUSE OF MYSTERY #278
SUPER FRIENDS #30
GREEN LANTERN # 126
UNKNOWN SOLDIER #237
WARLORD #31
ACTION COMICS #505
ADVENTURE COMICS #469
THE UNEXPECTED #196